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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
13 Aug 60	Terre Haute, Indiana	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2315 GMT 14/0415Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar Binoculars ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min 48 1/2 sec	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** two **9. COURSE** NE-SW	☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Two white objects with a slight yellowish cast. Had appearance of a satellite such as Echo I except that they were traveling in the opposite direction from Echo I, which was sighted at the same time. No sound.

11. COMMENTS

The objects of this sighting were probably a/c, the outline not being visible due to the dark night.

TIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

27 Aug 60

AFCIN-4E2x

Request for Information on UFO's

30 AUG 1960

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

1 Atch:
C/ ltr 15 Aug 60, fr
[redacted]

SAFOI-3d/LtCol Tacker/mhb/72291

5 October 1960

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Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr [redacted]
[redacted], Indiana

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

SAFOI-3d/Lt Col Tacker/mhb/72291

2 September 1960

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of 15 August 1960 to Captain Lee Waldrop, Operations Staff Officer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio concerning two unidentified flying objects you sighted has been referred to me.

Your letter contained insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore request you fill out the attached Air Force questionnaire and forward the completed form to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for their evaluation and analysis. Two questionnaires are inclosed in the event there is another witness to this sighting.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. J[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

√Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2x

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PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 15 Aug 60, fr
[redacted]

[redacted]
August 15, 1960

Captain Lee Waldrop
Operations Staff Officer
2046th Airways and Air Communications
Service Squadron
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Capt. Waldrop:

I wrote you once before about aircraft in my area when I was checking for a lady. Now I am checking for myself. I have already checked with both airfields at Terre Haute.

Two objects were seen traveling NE to WSW at a high altitude. Crossed about 40 to 45 degrees of arc in one minute 48½ seconds. The lights were white and stayed the same distance behind each other.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

P.S. Time was 11:45 P.M. C.D.T.

To AFIC for analysis & consultation and reply to questions

[redacted], Ind.
September 11, 1960

Lawrence J. Tacker
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lt. Colonel Tacker:

Enclosed you will find the report form that you sent to me on September 2, 1960. I have filled the report out as best I could. I have several questions that I would like to ask you.

1. When evaluation and annalysas is completed on my report will a copy be sent to me so that I too may know what the Air Force thinks the object was that I saw?

2. How many of all the reports that you have recieved from 1947 to the present concerning U.F.O.s have not been explained away?

3. Will you please send me the present fact sheet out on U.F.O.s?

4. What does the Air Force think these objects are? Is it true that many of the Air Force people think that these objects are from other planets?

Thank you very much for your co-operation in answering my questions. I am very glad that I have been able to help the United States Air Force.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

13	August	1960
Day	Month	Year

2. Time of day: 11 (Hour) 15 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time Zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern b. (Central) c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a.) Daylight Saving b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) [redacted] (City or Town) Indiana (State or Country)

Additional remarks: At the local Moonwatch station.

5. How long was object in sight? 0 (Hours) 1 (Minutes) 48½ (Seconds)

5.1 How was time in sight determined? a. By a stop watch.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky? Night a.

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	a. Bright
b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object? No.

(Circle One): a. In front of you b. In back of you c. To your right d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember

ATIC FORM FEB 60 164 This form supersedes ATIC 164, 13 Oct 54.

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
(c. Many)
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
(c. No moonlight — pitch dark)
d. Don't remember

9. The object appeared:

(Circle One): (a. As a light) b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? No. It was between second and first magnitude.

11. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
e. Change brightness? Dimmed as it got farther away.	(Yes)	No	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear ?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud? No.

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud? No.

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: (a. Solid) b. Transparent c. Vapor d. Don't Know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars 10x	(Yes)	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
c. Windshield	Yes	(No)	g. Theodolite	Yes	(No)
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other – _____		

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound There was no sound of any kind.

b. Color The objects were white with a slight yellowish cast to them.

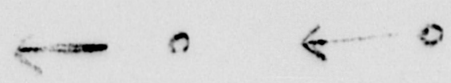
17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

18. The edges of the object were:

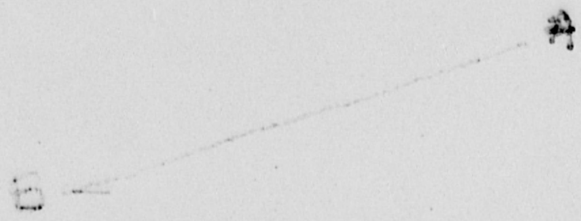
(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Two
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar? The objects that I saw would about the size of an object between a pin and a pea at arms length.

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? ~~The~~ The match head would cover theobjects that were seen . The match that I used is the kind that is in a paper folder and not a small or large stick match as there is a difference. The object would be like the one in the previous question.

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Yes. They gradually became smaller and was lost from sight as they moved away from us.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw. The only common object that I could use as a comparison would be that of a satellite such as Sputnic I or about the size of our newest satellite Echo I.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One)*: c.

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other _____

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
(b. In the residential section of a city?)
c. In open countryside?
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was watching for Echo I and was having trouble finding it and by chance happened to look up overhead and see these two objects coming in an opposite direction.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)* ~~Looking right overhead.~~

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)* Right overhead.

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest
i. Overhead

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)* West-Southwest

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
(f. Southwest)
(g. West)
h. Northwest
i. Overhead

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

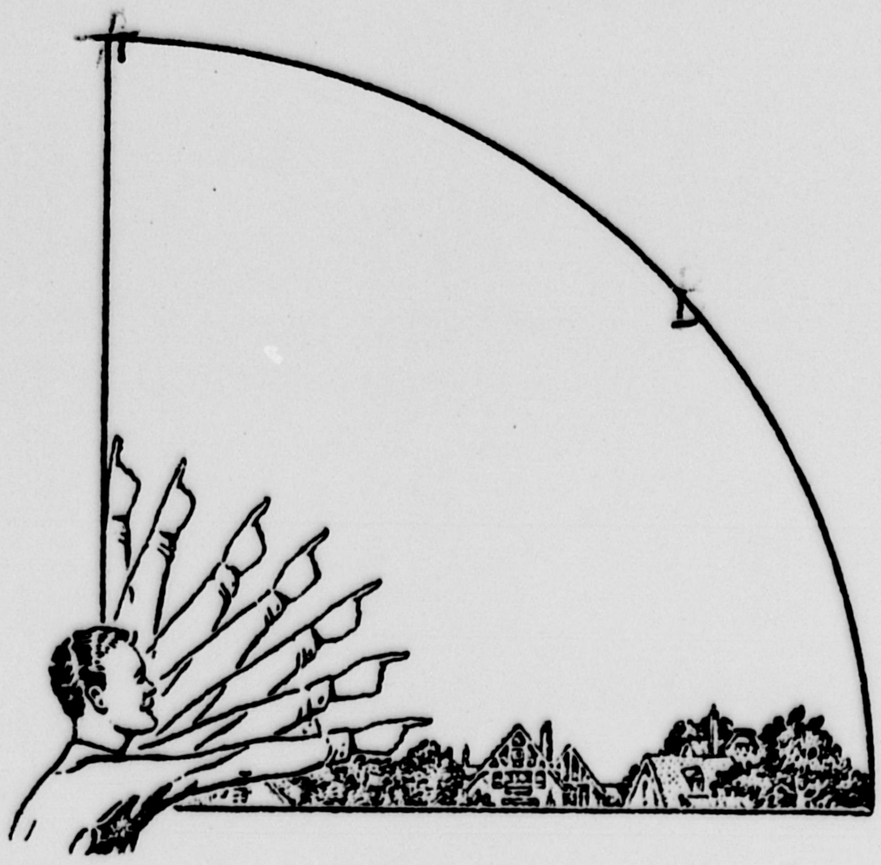
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 90 degrees.
b. From horizon 90 degrees.

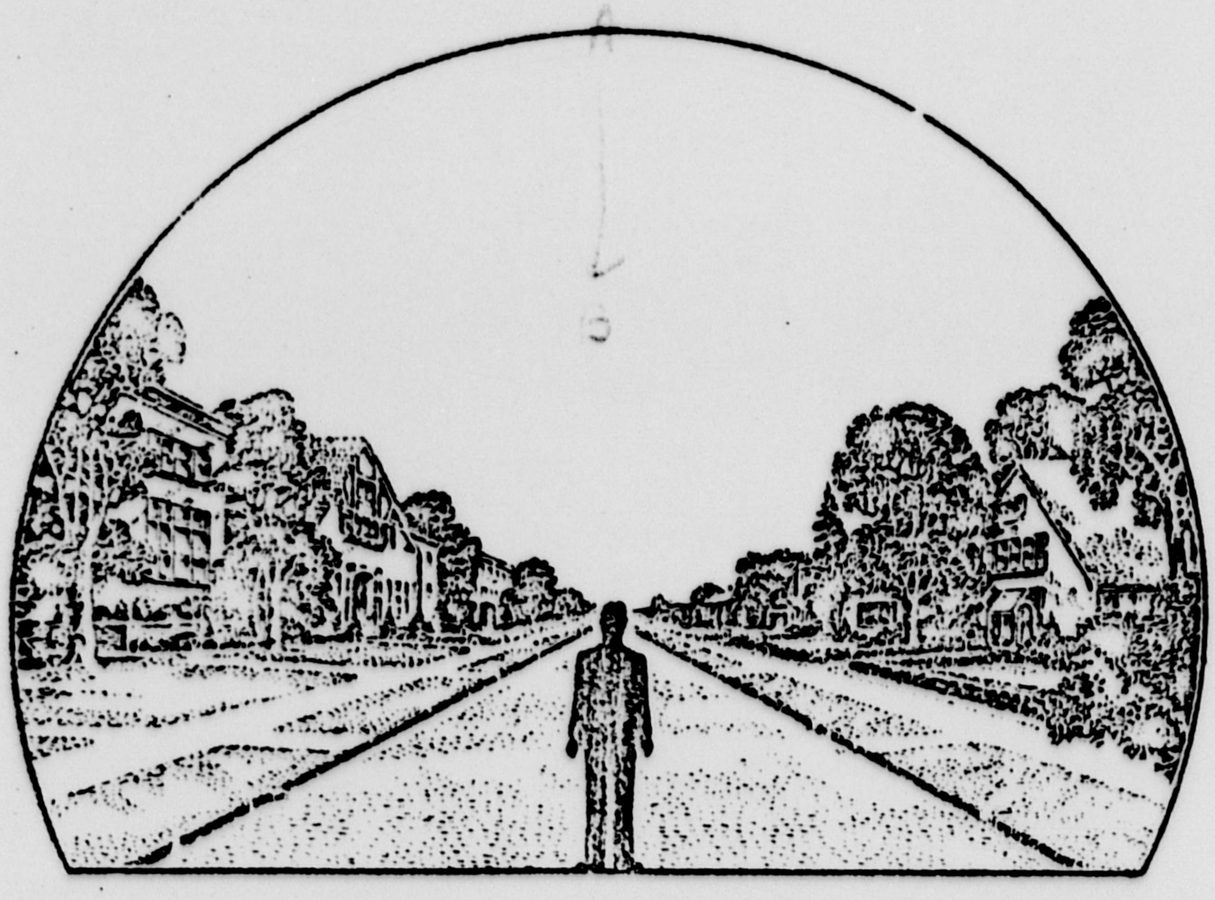
31.2 When it disappeared:

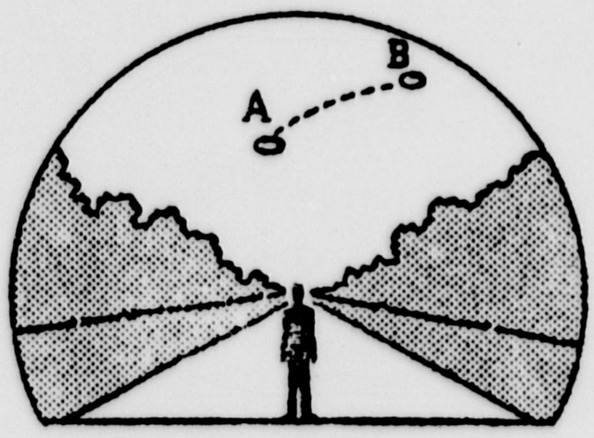
a. From true North ~~265~~ degrees.
b. From horizon 45 degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*

(a. Clear sky)
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*

(a. Dry)
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

14 (Day) August (Month) 1960 (Year)

Research and Education Committee on Aerial Phenomena

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses: I am unable to do so as I did not know the mans name and therfore do not know his name.

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

~~While looking for them on November 29, 1959.~~
By chance on Oct. 15, 1959.
By chance sometime in October around 1956 or 1957, I can't remember which.

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it? I do not believe that this object was a satellite as it was going in a retrograde motion. In fact both were. It was not a ballon because it was moving to fast. It could not have been a jet because there was no noise and because I could not split the lights with my 10x binoculars. I believe that this object was an Unidentified Flying Object.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? That of a jet or a satellite.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Street [redacted] Zone Ind. State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

Age 17 Sex Male

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

I am a member of the Terre Haute, Moonwatch team, and am a member of the Terre Haute Astronomical Society and am chairman of the Research and Education Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a local U.F.O. research group.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 10 (Day) September (Month) 1960 (Year)

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted]
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE [redacted]

(Do Not Write In This Space)

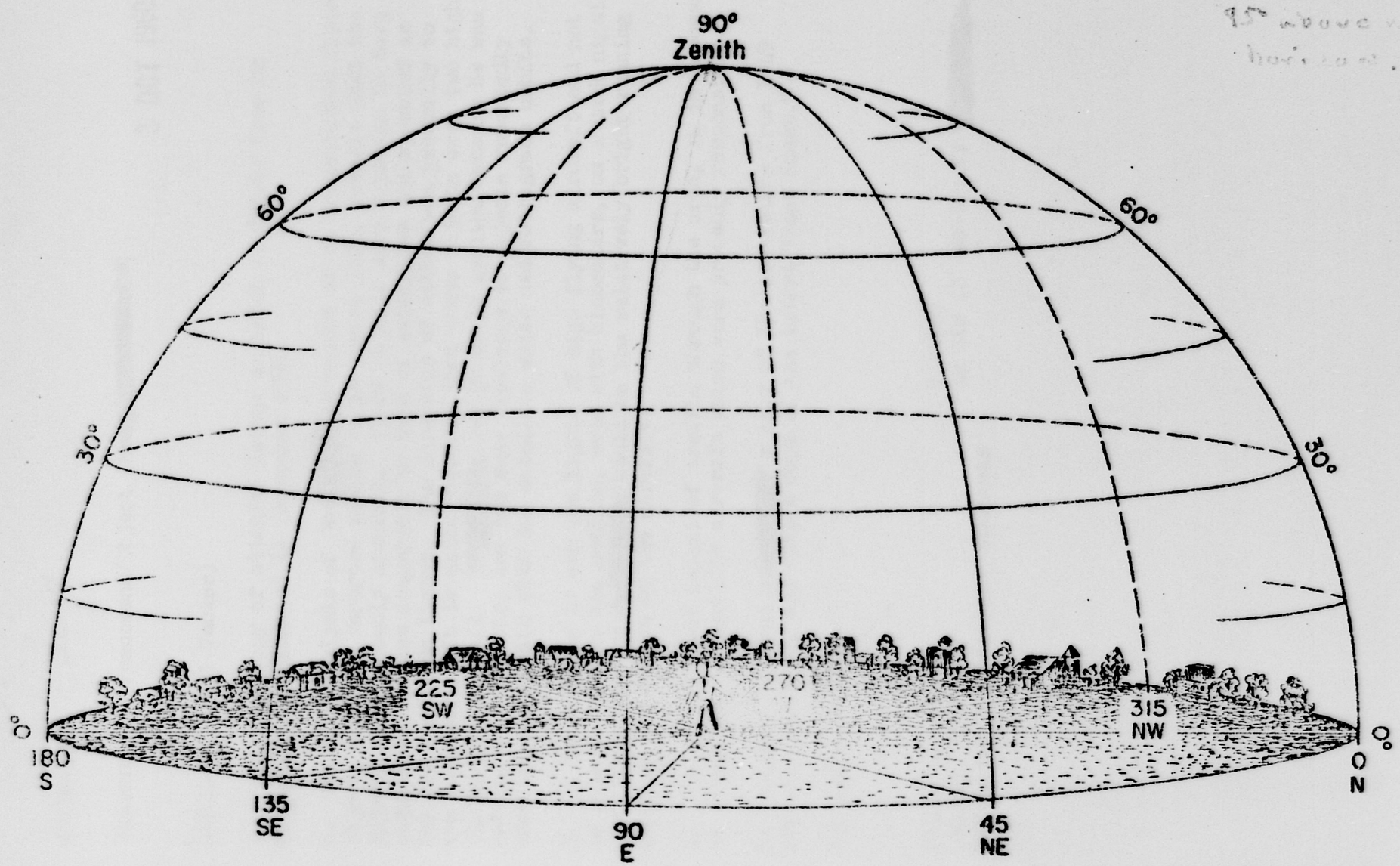
CODE:

On August 13, 1960, at about 11:15 P.M. I was watching for the then newly launched ballon satellite at the Terre Haute, Indiana, Moonwatch station. With me there was the teamleader, his son, the man previously mentioned in the report and myself. This other man was setting up some camera equipment and I had my binoculars with me and was given a stop watch and told to watch the satellite for as long as possible and time the observation. As the satellite came over I was having trouble finding it and the teamleader told me to look up by Vega, which was right overhead at this time, and as I did so I saw two objects coming from a Easterly direction right overhead. I immediately started the stop watch and called out to the teamleader, " theres two objects coming in the opposite direction." I was then told to time them which I was already doing. The other man looked up as I said that two objects were coming in the opposite direction and he too watched them until he had to look away to attend to his cameras.

During the minute and 48½ seconds that I watched the objects I followed the lead object mostly. Two or three times I took the binoculars from my eyes and could see the objects quite plainly. I watched them travel from right overhead to about 45 degrees above the West- Southwestern horizon. They were white but had a yellowish cast to them and moved at about the speed of a satellite or a jet plane(of the very fast variety). Occassionally I would look at the second object and then back to the first. The teamleader and his son did not watch the object as they had their eyes on their scopes watching the satellit e.

After the objects were lost from view and the satellite had passed through the teamleaders scope and his son he told the boy to take some binoculars and look for the objects that I had seen. He was unable to do so. I then called the tower at Hulman and was told that there was no aircraft in the area. This is why I sent the letter to Capt. Waldrop.

A. Object first seen here.
B. Last seen here.
15° above the horizon.



28 Sep 60

AFCIN-LE2x Sup

Unidentified Phenomena/Object (Mr [redacted])

3 OCT 1960

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

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2. The ATIC analysis of M[redacted] report of an unidentified flying object, which he reported seeing on 13 August 1960, reveals that the objects were probably aircraft. These objects were reported to have angular velocities comparable to that of satellites and appeared as two 2nd magnitude lights. The direction of motion was generally to the southwest. It is quite probable that these objects were two high flying jet aircraft. M[redacted] was probably excited because he was waiting to view Echo, and had some knowledge of objects reportedly seen in conjunction with the satellite which had retrograde orbits.

3. It is possible to see the lights of high flying aircraft and not be able to resolve the outline, even with binoculars, on a dark night. The lights seen by M[redacted] would be the relatively bright running light on the bottom of the aircraft.

4. Due to the great amount of traffic through the area, it is impossible to determine the specific aircraft which were probably responsible.

5. Suggest you send M[redacted] a copy of the statistics from 1949 through June 1960, and also a copy of the latest "Fact Sheet."

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 17 Sep 60, fr [redacted]

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location Terre Haute, Indiana

Date 13 August 1960 Hour (Z) 2315

WX Clear, dark sky w/no moon

Description See Attc. Form # 162

Direction of Motion NE TO SW

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) THIS OBJECT WAS MOVING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION + COULD BE NO KNOWN SATELLITE.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) MOTION RULES OUT PLANET OR THE SPEED. TOO LONG FOR A METEOR, ETC.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A.

Natural Phemomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT.

Other —

Evaluation of Source Reliability ADEQUATE —

Analysis and Conclusions: THE ANGULAR VELOCITY OF THE REPORTED OBJECTS WAS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF JET AIRCRAFT. ON A VERY DARK NIGHT - SUCH AS IT WAS, IT IS POSSIBLE NOT TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE JET LIKE AIRCRAFT. IN EXTREME MILITARY: THE COLOR OF THE LIGHTING WERE PROBABLY AIRCRAFT.